

Tom's Tides
 Friday, Feb. 6, 1931
 High 1 a.m. 21.6 ft.
 Low 1 p.m. 21.0 ft.
 High 4 a.m. 4.8 ft.
 Low 10 p.m. 3.0 ft.

The Daily News

Of Special Interest
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NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER
 PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1931

PRICE FIVE CENTS

TOLMIE DENIES BEER ALLEGATION OVER THOUSAND DEAD IN NEW ZEALAND AFTER 'QUAKE

Charge That Breweries Are In Control of Government Causes Resentment On Part of Tolmie

Vancouver Province Editorial Arouses His Chagrin—Declares That Whole Policy is to Give Province Best Article Under Best Conditions

VICTORIA, Feb. 5:—Answer has been given by Premier S. F. Tolmie to suggestions contained in an editorial of the Vancouver Province yesterday to the effect that the beer interests of British Columbia were in control of the government. The Premier said: "The policy of the Liquor Control Board in respect to the purchasing of beer is being worked out with the one object of providing the best possible commodity to the public under the best conditions of manufacture and sale. In such a policy there will be interests and individuals who will not agree. The idea, however, is to evolve the very best possible for British Columbia as a whole. I must in most unqualified terms express my personal resentment at the suggestion contained in the Province editorial that beer or any other interests control me or the government over which I have the honor to preside."

PROMINENT ENGINEER IS IN CHARGE

Major Angus Davis Comes North to Superintend Work on South-easter Property at Skidegate

Major Angus Davis, well known as a mining engineer throughout British Columbia, arrived at Skidegate on the present trip of the Prince John from Vancouver to take charge of the development of the Southeast mine there for the Kitsault Eagle Gold Mining Co. Major Davis was accompanied by three men who will be employed on the development of the mine. W. G. McMorris, managing director of the Kitsault Co., who up to now has been in personal charge of the development of the mine, will be coming north from Vancouver next week.

Allison Logging Camp on Skidegate Inlet Reopening

A. D. Allison, well known Queen Charlotte Island logging operator arrived at Queen Charlotte City from Vancouver on the ss. Prince John this trip, bringing north with him seven men who will be employed in his logging camp on the south side of Skidegate Inlet. On the last trip of the Prince John twelve men arrived with Jack Maloney, who will be foreman in charge of the Allison camp.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5:—Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at 59c.

DIRIGIBLE LOS ANGELES LEAVES FOR CANAL ZONE
 LAKEHURST, N.J., Feb. 5:—The United States dirigible Los Angeles was drawn out of her hangar here yesterday afternoon and, within an hour, had left for a flight to the Panama Canal Zone. She will engage in naval manoeuvres with both the Pacific and Atlantic fleets.

IS UP TO NAVY NOW

General Butler Leaves it to Department to Make Charges Against Him Public

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 5:—Major General Smedley Butler, who is to be court-martialled at Philadelphia on February 15 for statements he is alleged to have made against Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy, announced yesterday that he would leave it to the discretion of the Navy Department as to whether or not it should make public the nature of the charges that have been laid against him. Gen. Butler's counsel reiterated the statement that the matter was now entirely in the hands of the Navy Department.

PHOENIX, Arizona, Feb. 5:—Cornelius Vanderbilt is looking for corroboration of certain statements made against Premier Mussolini by the general, declined here yesterday to make any comment upon the matter. Suggesting that newspapermen wait for forty-eight hours before seeking a statement from him, Vanderbilt stated that he was now in conference with his attorneys in connection with the matter.

Tightening Up On Marriage Laws

DENVER, Feb. 5:—The state of Colorado is about to make amendments to its marriage laws similar to those that have been adopted lately by California, Texas and other states. The state legislature yesterday put through a new statute making it necessary for contracting couples to declare their intentions five days before the granting of a marriage licence. As a result of the new statute, elopements and sudden marriages will not be so handy as they used to be.

NEW CENSOR APPOINTED

James A. Smith Succeeds Joseph Walters as Chairman of B. C. Board

VICTORIA, Feb. 5:—James A. Smith, member of the board of motion picture censors, has been appointed chief censor succeeding Joseph Walters, who remains a member of the board. Mr. Walters' indifferent health made it impossible for him to continue as chief censor.

BEQUEST TOO LATE

Interior Man, Dying of Starvation, Inherits Fortune of \$30,000

PRINCE GEORGE, Feb. 5:—A fortune of \$30,000 is awaiting Olaf Ericsson, Bednesti homesteader, 20 miles west of here, but Ericsson is now in Prince George Hospital, apparently doomed to die from the effects of slow starvation and general privation. Ericsson has been in ill health for years. Now comes news that a relative in Sweden has died, leaving him \$30,000.

General Motors Declares Usual Dividend of 75c

NEW YORK, Feb. 5:—General Motors Corporation directors yesterday declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75c per share on common stock.

The Weather

Prince Rupert—Part cloudy, calm barometer, 30.04; temperature, 37; sea smooth.
 Dead Tree Point—Clear, light, northerly wind; barometer, 29.90; temperature, 41; sea choppy.
 Langara Island—Clear, light, southwest wind; sea moderate.
 Triple Island—Fresh north wind; showery, sea moderate.

WOULD EXTEND CREDIT TO NEW ZEALAND FOR MATERIALS PURCHASE

TORONTO, Feb. 5:—In order that New Zealand might be enabled to purchase Canadian lumber and building materials for reconstruction of areas devastated in the recent earthquake extensions of credits will be urged upon the Dominion government by the Canadian Lumbermen's Association.

Premier Benito Mussolini



Il Duce, who denies statement of United States general in connection with alleged running over of a child in an automobile.

TOWN HAS BAD FIRE

\$100,000 Damage Done in Gogoma, Northern Ontario—Ten Buildings Burn

GOGOMA, Ont., Feb. 5:—In a great sweep from building to building, fire early today destroyed ten stores and residences along the main street of Gogoma, Northern Ontario town, causing loss estimated at \$100,000.

WHEAT SHORTAGE IN UNITED STATES IS QUITE POSSIBLE

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 5:—Chairman Legge of the Farm Board today declared that a shortage of wheat in the United States was "entirely possible" in the drought continues.

Mahatma Gandhi Shows That He May After All Be Amenable to New Scheme of Governing India

LUCKNOW, United Provinces, India, Feb. 5:—Mahatma Gandhi today confirmed the belief that he was open to conviction by returning delegates to the London round table conference. Gandhi said that he was prepared to advise the working committee of the All India National Congress to "call off" the civil disobedience campaign if the returning delegates persuaded him that Premier Ramsay MacDonald's offer was more substantial than he (Gandhi) had himself been able to make out from fragmentary reports reaching here.

NEW AUTO TIME SET

Capt. Malcolm Campbell Makes Speed of 245.733 Miles Per Hour

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 5:—Capt. Malcolm Campbell, British driver, established a new world's automobile speed record today, flashing twice over a measured mile at an average speed of 245.733 miles per hour, bettering by 14.37 miles per hour the former record of 231 miles established by the late Sir Henry Segrave here last year.

GETS ONE YEAR

Richard D. V. Belt, formerly cook on the forestry boat Euclataw at Ocean Falls, was this afternoon sentenced to one year's imprisonment at Okalla by Judge F. McB. Young on a charge of gross indecency to which he pleaded guilty.

Death Toll Mounts In Napier and Hastings As Each Hour Passes

Complete Evacuation of City Being Speeded Up as Fresh Temblors Occur—Two Women Found Buried Alive in Building

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb. 5:—With every passing hour, the death toll from Tuesday's earthquake and tidal wave disaster is mounting. Tonight Red Cross officials placed the number of dead in Napier, Hastings and surrounding towns and villages at more than one thousand. Other thousands suffered injuries and practically every one is homeless.

'HOLE TRIP' AGREEMENT

Arrangements Made Here Are Satisfactory to Boat Owners and Fishermen

Halibut boat owners and fishermen of Prince Rupert have practically come to an agreement on the matter of "hole" bills which, it is reported, is proving quite a vexed question in Seattle and threatens to precipitate a strike on the part of the fishermen there. The agreement here is that, when three weeks or more has been lost by shipwreck or for other cause, the boat will stand the whole loss. If there should be a delay of under three weeks, then the fishermen would take their part of the loss in proceeds.

This arrangement will, it is expected, be approved at a meeting here on Sunday.

ARE FINED \$200 EACH

Juvenile Delinquency Cases Come to Conclusion in City Police Court

After Leo Contoli had been convicted in city police court yesterday afternoon by Stipendiary Magistrate C. L. Monroe on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile and fined \$200, with option of six months' imprisonment. Spiro Gurvich, William Murray and Roy Fisher, similarly charged, each pleaded guilty. On Gurvich and Murray fines of \$200, with six months' option, were imposed while Fisher was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment which is the time he has already served since his arrest. E. F. Jones, city solicitor, prosecuted in the cases and A. M. Manson, K.C., acted as defence counsel. Further adjournment has been taken in two charges—one of seduction and the other of intimidation—still standing against Contoli.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hansen will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the B. C. Undertakers. Rev. John H. Hanson officiating.

Rescue workers tonight found two women alive in a ruined house where they had been imprisoned since Tuesday morning. Frightened by new tremors which toppled buildings about the heads of rescue squads, the authorities today speeded up complete evacuation of Napier. Inhabitants are being rushed to camps in the surrounding country where they can be cared for until sanitary conditions are restored here and the dangerous buildings levelled.

HASTINGS, Feb. 5:—Another sharp earthquake rocked the ruins of this town at 10 o'clock tonight, throwing an already frightened populace into further panic. Martial law has been declared and no one is allowed to enter the business district without a permit.

CALIFORNIA NOT SO FINE

Floods and Slides General Around Los Angeles With Damage to Property Near Beaches

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5:—Exceptionally high tides, heavy rains and high winds have caused considerable damage along beaches on the coast near this city. Several cabins on or near the shores have been washed away and a large number of summer cottages are in danger. Highways and roads near the coast are blocked with mud and slides, making traffic detours necessary.

PREMIER NOT ILL

Reports Regarding Condition of Ramsay MacDonald Discredited—Is at His Desk

LONDON, Feb. 5:—Disturbing reports that Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald had suffered a breakdown in health and would take an immediate vacation were discredited at Downing Street this morning. The Premier was at his desk today.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

A new telephone directory is about to be issued. Applications for moves, changes or new listings for this issue must be made in writing to the Telephone Department, City Hall, not later than February 14. (29, 30, 32)